LESS PRUDENT PAIL One Thousand Stamps Will Be Dropping on the Ore of Douglas Island Alaska, Next Fall-Working Gold Bars Along the Fra-

per Biver-A Gold Find Near Tucson. Los ANGELES, Aug. 5.-Mining by means of dredgers has at last been made to succeed. In Butte county, on the Feather River, the Feather Biver Exploration Company is steadily working one machine and preparing to build two others. The dredger has attacked the mainland, into which it will cut, leaving a channel for the water to follow. Three other companies working along this river are preparing to have dredgers built.

The San Justo mine at Carson Hill, Calaveras county, is an illustration of successful work by good management in low grade ores. This property was owned by a New York company that expended \$340,000 upon it in improvements that were too high grade for the They operated two years, lost a large amount of money, and then shut the mine down, and the shaft filled with water. Last winter some California men bought the property, unwatered it, and retimbered the shaft. They find that the ore mills from \$3.50 to \$4 per ton, while the sulphurets yield \$80 per ton. The ore bodies are from thirty to eighty feet wide, and the ore is mined and milled for \$1 30 per ton. By careful and practical management the owners are making it a

profitable property. A big strike has been made in the Good Hope mine. Riverside county, where the workmen have run into an ore body fifty feet wide at a depth of the feet. The ore is low grade, but rich enough to be crushed at a profit, while the great extent of it guarantees that it can be worked for a long time. This mine was sold a few years ago to an English syndicate for \$500).-000, and everything went well until the ore body tegan to pinch, and then the shareholders, instead of exploring further, brought suit to get back their money, on the ground that the property had been misrepresented.

In Shasta county a great amount of developmont work is in progress, especially in the Muletown district, where more work is being done than at any previous time. Great quantities of ere are being hauled to the Keswick smelter. and men who until recently were about to lose their ranches under mortgages have turned to the extraction of quartz with good success, the smelter making it possible for them to market low grade rock at a profit. The ore of the Davis copper mine carries 40 per cent. copper. from four to twenty ounces in silver and from \$2 to

A new strike is reported from the Brown Bear mine at Deadwood, Trinity county, which is said to excel anything produced in the palmy days of this property. For several years its product was so extremely rich that no attention was paid to the low grade ores. In later years it was bought as an abandoned property for a small sum, and the lower values have been worked. But even during this stage of its history it has made occasional monthly cleannne that ran \$30,000 or more. The Chloride & Bailley mine at New River, recently bought by San Francisco and New York capital, and now receiving thorough and extensive development, is producing good ore and the indications are that it will prove a profitable property. SEVADA.

VIRGINIA CITY, Aug 5 .- The fact that for the first time in forty years no faro game is running on the Comstock is locally considered the most telling proof of the low fortunes of the lode. All stock dealing is now on the plan of certificates, calling for the future delivery of shares at the par value to which they will be reduced by the stockholders' meetings next menth. The principal companies will reduce them from \$100 to \$2.50 or \$1. A number of methods have been suggested for raising the funds necessary for carrying out the scheme of drainage and deep mining. To raise it by assessment, as the funds for the vast works of derelopment in bonanza days were procured, is manifestly impossible. The attempt to secure Federal aid has been suggested and many advocate the issue of bonds by the State of

Five claims in the Bull Run district, Elko ounty, have been bonded to Murphy & Co. for \$150,000. The ore averages \$20 per ton, and can be worked for \$1. A chalk deposit 2 miles long and 400 feet wide has been found near

ALASEA.

SEATTLE. Aug. 6. - Within a quarter of a mile of the steamer landing at Ketchikan George Banders of Seattle made an important discovery of free milling gold ore last week, the ledge being over 200 feet wide and highly minbroughout. The ore gives an average assay of \$4 per ton. There is large water power available on the property to run a mill of 2(s) stamps the year round. Discoveries of this character are now of almost daily occurrence in southeastern Alaska, and they are going to be sources of great value to the Ter-

In September or October 1,000 stamps will be dropping on ores on Douglas Island, and the output of the mines there will be more than doubled. All the mines throughout the Territory have increased their forces and are paying first-class wages. The country has not been half prospected, and is as wide open to energetic men as it was before the stampede of tenderfeet took place.

WASHINGTON. SEATTLE, Aug 8.-In Mount Baker district there are between 500 and 700 prospectors there are between 500 and 700 prospectors climbing ever the migred range in search of gold ledges. A great many new discoveries have been made some of which will be the making of good mines, but they are not up to the promise of the first discoveries made late last season, when the stampede was on. The cre, while it is very high grade, is not very regular, but the veins are true and are trace able for a long distance. It is the high values that have given the district regulation. cre, while it is very high grade, is not very regular, but the veins are true and are tracesole for a long distance. It is the high values that have given the district reputation. Buty district, in the same part of the State, is opening up as a placer country, and at present the Evert-Minneapolis Hydraulie Company are puting in a large plant, giving employment to forty men. In a large plant, giving employment to forty men in preparatory work and are estissied the ground will pay well.

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In State dreek, in the Mount Baker mineral bed, a five-stamp mill, which was erected last fall, has been minning very successfully on free gold ore, and the owners think of doubling the capacity this fail. They have plenty of ore and have no trouble in working it.

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Black Bear and War Eagle gold mines The Brack Bear and War Eagle gold mines a this district, when have been idle for several cars by reason of litigation, are about to resume work. These mines have been opened it, and a small mill of five stamps was run on he ores, which are free milling. There is said to be ore anough already blocked out to keep a wanty-stamp mill steadily employed. The ore will average about \$12 free gold per ton.

IDANO CITY, Ang. 8.—A large force will be put at work in the Lineky Boy at this place within the next ten days.

James Irwin and his two nephews are opening an extensive placer claim on Payette River. They will place large giants on it. They will place large ginnis on it. Stanley I Faine are digging a littch to get a large lead of water on five twenty-acre placer taking a North Boise River. They will have eighty feet present the control of the contr er. They will have the giants and good They will begin piping in about two is is progressing rapidly on the two tun-orian at good depth the large free gold a cages at Miller Diggings owned by a company. If the ledges prove as good provided by a reson the surfaces a mill will

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tons of ore of a gross value of \$14.270. This is a new property and is giving promise of being one of the wonders of the district.

Ore in being shipped from the Cleopatra Mine in the new whisehorn district, Chaffee county, which shows a general average of 200 per ton and a pay streak of \$10 to \$10.0.

The Terrible mine at isle, Custer county, has enlarged its mill to a capacity of 200 tons daily. An eastern syndicate has taken charge of the Mootana in Deer Park, San Juan county, where quartz worth \$6 a pound has been laken out. The Golden Eagle mine on Cameron Mountain, Park county, is sacking for chipment ore which runs \$50 per ton in gold. The West Point mine, Dutch Guileh, Gunnison county, is working a fine body of mill ore five feet wide, with a pay streak assaying 5000 per ton. The concentrates run \$105 per ton and \$10 is saved on the plates.

The great Silver Lakes mining property, owned by E. G. Stoiber, continues to impress the mining world by its extensive mechanical labor-saving devices. The new orehouse at the foot of the great wire tramway has just been completed. It has a capacity for 1,800 tons. In it is a drying apparatus to remove the moisture from the ore, and thus reduce the cest of freight transportation to the smeltors. The aggregate length of the tramway which conveys the ore from the tunnel up in the basin down to the orehouse is 14,700 feet. Mr. Stoiber centily enturned from Garmany, where he went to investigate a new mill process. While this is being set up he is running a great tunnel that will eventually reduce the development to the second made last year. It is now eleven carloads behind the record, though the July The calient and the Minne a table of the Lester mine in Hulbert cased on the first of these claims and some good silver or exception, he first of these claims and some good silver or expected.

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SOUTH DAKOTA. DEADWOOD, Aug. 10.—Returns have been re-ceived from several carloads of ore sent to smeiter by the Spokane, which went \$23 to the ton in galena and gold. The shaft is now down 125 feet, and a large ledge of milling ore is exposed, together with a four-foot vein of galena. At the American Express, in Blacktail Gulch,

a new strike of ore has been found, running parallel with the old main vein and equally rich. It will be entered on at once.

Work has begun on the Alert mine of the Edgemen & Union Hill Co., which has been ren the Bald Mountain district Nevada Gulch is lined with prespectors, and they are making excellent progress. The Golden Reward Com-pany is working 125 men in three properties, and the Horseshoe Company 75 in the Mogul.

LAKE SUPERIOR.

DULUTE, Aug. 10 —Since the purchase of the Pioneer mine by the Oliver Mining Company it has been announced from Pittsburg that the company has secured options on harbor lines and water rights and rights of way for a railroad from the Minnesota ranges to Lake Superior, near Duluth, and that it will be built very soon. The road, it is said, will be first built to the Vermilion range, and later a branch will be run to the Mesaba.

The pumps at the Zenith mine will be started up in a few days, and that mine and the Pioneer will be unwatered prior to mining on a large scale. At the Pioneer a new shaft will be sunk to 1,200 feet.

All mines in the Lake Superior country are finding it difficult to get men, and operations are hindered.

Explorations are under way on the Gogebic range that will result in the reopening of about all the abandoned mines that are capable of producing economically.

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At the Biwabik mine, Mesabarange, the other day one steam shovel moved 700 three-yard carloads of dirt from the overburden in a tenhour shift. UTAH.

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SALT LAKE, Aug. 8.—The shaft in the Bullion-Beck mine at Tintie has reached the 1,300-foot level, and drifting is now the order.

In a day or two the steel structural work for the Golden Gate mill enlargement will be on the ground.

A small stamp mill is about to be ersected in Miners Basin in the La Sal Mountains. In this district an arrastra is running with good results, while prospects are being worked to good advantage.

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In City Creek Cafion, a few miles northeast of Salt Lake, ore has been discovered assaying \$17.500 in gold and silver to the ton. The find was made in a shaft at a depth of thirty feet.

Peter McLaughlin has a 2%-foot body of solid chloride ore in the Barbara Bee mine. American Fork Cafion. The ore is said to carry 300 ounces in silver.

Boston capitalists are looking into the Deer Lodge district with a view to investing. A few days ago they inspected the Johnson. Lund and Campbell group, and it is said that a mill will go up near this property at once.

The Bonneville Company, operating at Lakeside, has cut into a foot of solid lead carbonates and a zone of high-grade chloride ore in a tunnel run to a distance of 165 feet. The property also gives indications of gold values.

The Eric mine at Bingham is shipping ore said to go 16 per cent, copper, 30 ounces silver, and \$150 gold to the ton. idvantage. In City Creek Cañon, a few miles northeast of

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ARIZONA.

TUCSON, Aug. 4.—For some days reports have been coming to the city of a rich gold find in the Catalina Mountain, and much ore has been coming into the city filled with free gold. It is one of the richest gold finds in Arizona, and is thirty-five miles morth of Tucson, in the foothills of Cañon dei Oro. There is reason to believe that the gold veins have been found which make up the rich placer of Cañon dei Oro. The discovery was made by Romero Martinez, some few weeks ago, who interested Dr. Purcell in the discovery, and has had sufficient development work done to satisfy him that they have an immense bonanza. The veins of ore average from six inches to over two feet, and are very rich.

A. P. Essen, who is in from Oro Blanco district, says that the Franco-American mines are showing up a very large body of high-grade shipping ore in the crosscut tunnel which is being driven. The Tres Amigos mines of Oro Blanco have been sold to Peoria. Ili, men. The purchase price was \$50,000, of which a good reserved.

purchase price was \$50,000, of which a good payment was made down. The group some prises three claims, the Tres Amigos, Caualda, and San Juan. The properties are all gold and are unusually promising.

SEATTLE, Aug. 6.—This week miners began work on the placer claims at the mouth of Siawash Creek, on Fraser River, near Yaie. This creek has been a steady producer for the past twenty years, but owing to lack of capital to open it up the output of gold has not been so large sait otherwise would have been. Recently four claims at the junction of the river and creek have fallen into the hands of the North American Mining and Development Company, which has set aside a sufficient sum to put the property in thorough shape, with water ditches, hydraulie plant, dams, cabins, and all necessary mining appliances. About \$1,000,000 in coarse gold, valued at \$20 per ounce, is the record of this creek, and it is thought systematic mining in the future will easily duplicate this record in a much shorter time. BRUTTSH COLUMBIA.

During the low water the gold bars along Fraser Biver are being worked very successfully and are yielding a good deal of fine gold. The old-fashoned rocker and the modern dredge are found in the same neighborhood engaged in the search for gold.

At Bossland the Le Boi is sinking to the 800-foot level and will soon have twenty-eight steam drills in operation. The output of the mine is 300 tons a day.

The War Eagle and Centre Star are steadily shipping. The output of the Centre Star this week was 308 tons. Trail district is now giving employment to over 1,000 miners. In Fort Steele division the Sullivan group, by reason of the recent big strike, is attracting attention. This strike is one of the largest that has been made in the province, consisting of twenty fest of high-grade galena ore, placing the property almost on a par with the North Star, one of the largest producers in the Kootenni.

On the west coast, near Clayoquot, a group of copper mines has recently been located on a ten-foot ledge which assens 33 per cent. copper. This is one of the most important discoveries in this portion of the province.

The Surprise mine on Texada Island is preparing to sink to the 600-foot level. It is now the deepest property on the island and is a way below sea level, but has experienced no trouble from water. Values have increased with depth, and at the 400-foot level the ora body has widened. me. During the low water the gold bars along

MEXICO.

GUATMAS, Aug. 5.—Some rich placers have been found in Lower California, 300 miles south of Ensenada. The gold brings \$10.45 per since. The natives are halfbreed facules and so white men except priests are seen therevery Indian seems to have a mine of his own, which he works until he gets enough gold to go on a sure. No coin is in circulation, but on a spree. No coin is in circulation, but everything is paid for with placer gold, which the Indians carry in quills.

Gold bullion to the value of \$10.386 was lately shipped from the Calmaili mines to San Diego.

Diego.

A promising camp is being developed in the Pnito Mountains, Montexuma district, Chihushua. From one ledge two and a half feet wide two-once free-milling ore is taken, and another ledge is three feet wide and yields seven-ounce

The ore at El Refugio mine, Chihualius, goes 57 per cent, silver and 43 per cent, gold, about the same proportion as the Comstock ore in the best days of that lode. best days of that lode.

Since the opening of the railroad between Saltillo and Concepcion del Oro development of the old mining district of Mazapil and Concepcion has taken a fresh start, resulting in such increase of the movement of lead and copper over that the English espitalists interested in that section are talking of creeting a large smelter.

MONTAVA

BUTTE. Aug. 9.—The coal industry of Mon-tana is receiving an impetus that is beyond all expectations. A year ago there was a general belief that the coal measures of Montana were limited. Now it is certain that such predictions are unfounded. A railroad is now being conlimited. Now it is certain that such pradictions are unfounded. A railward is now being constructed to the coal flohis of Trail Greek, near Bozeman, and it is expected that the road will be in operation during the fail. This coal is of fine quality for house told purposes. At Gebo, in Carbon county, a railroad is being built to one of the most extensive fields in the State and will be in operation in sixty days. A short distance further on W. A. Clark

hand. A tunier has been run in twenty teet on the first of these claims and some good silver ore exposed.

The sale of the Lester mine in Hulbert Cafon, near Sheridan, for \$100,000 is an incentive for parties owning prospects in the Tobacco Root range to develop them. A great portion of this region is yet unprospected.

Matters on the Castle Mountains are very promising. The California mine is proving a wonder. The ore assays 30 per cent lead and 40 ounces in silver. The find was made in an open out about twelve feet deep, and this has exposed a continuous body of ore for twenty feet. The first strike was a seven-foot streak of pure sand carbonates, and next came a regular quarry of galena and carbonates. The Homestake, a recent discovery, will, it is believed, prove as valuable as the California. The ore is rich and a long surface streak has been found.

BURGLAR MADE TOO MUCH NOISE. Woke Mr. Avery, Who Has a Gun and Isn't

SOUTH SALEM, N. Y., Aug. 14.-Elbert Avery. merchant of this place, had an encounter early yesterday morning with a burglar who attempted to enter his store. Mr. Avery's home is on the opposite side of the road, a short dis tance from his place of business. He is a light sleeper, and as the night was warm he had left the front window open. A little after midnight he was awakened by a sound that resembled the smashing of glass, and the thought flashed

the smashing of glass, and the thought flashed into his mind that some one was trying to get into the store. As he sprang out of bed and looked out he saw a man standing at the north window evidently signalling to some one in the woods opposite the building.

Mr. Avery seized his gun, and without waiting to dress himself stole into the woods. Just as he did so he heard a shrill whistle, and the burgiar sprang from the window and ran into the darkness. Mr. Avery discharged both barrels of his gun at the retreating flaure, and blood stots found on the roadway this morning indicate that some of the builets took effect. The shooting aroused the neighbors and a thorough search was made, but no trace of the burgiars could be found. The heavy shutters of the store window were broken, and burnt matches on the floor showed that the cracksman had explored the interior. Mr. Avery had several hundred dollars in the safe, and believes that the thleves were after it.

MRS. REA WANTS HER DAUGHTER. The Child Was Kidnapped by Her Father

and Taken to Ireland, Where She Now Is. BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Aug. 14.-Mrs. Lizzie Bea. afternoon for means to secure the passage of her 5-year-old daughter from Ireland, who was taken there by the husband of Mrs. Rea and deserted. On May 1, according to Mrs. Rea, her husband, John Rea, a bookkeeper in the employ of Ellor Brothers & Hall, felt-hat makers in this town, defaulted and fled to Canada. About the middle of June Rea returned here and hid near his home in the Watsessing section. His purpose was to gain possession of his daughter. Jessie, which he did, and fled to Larne, Ireland, where he has a

possession of his daughter. Jessie, which he did, and fled to Larne. Ireland, where he has a cousin living.

After staying about two weeks with his cousin, Rea borrowed \$250 and went to the Continent, leaving his little daughter unprovided for. Last week Mrs. Rea received a letter from Ireland, stating that the child was there, but that the whereabouts of Rea was unknown. Justice Post sympathized with the woman, but told her that there was no public money available to pay the girl's passage back. The case has been taken upl by some charitable people in town, and a subscription is being raised to defray the expense of bringing the little girl back to this country.

FIRED THRICE AT THE OFFICER. Donnigan Had Broken Away from Arrest

and Shot from His House. Patrolman William T. Maher of the Balph avenue police station, Brooklyn, was shot at early vesterday morning by Patrick Donnigan. 29 years of age, of 177 Stuyvesant avenue, who was wild with drink. A number of Donnigan's riends were trying to induce him to go into his house, in front of which they were standing, and Maher, who was on patrol, joined in their efforts. Donnigan became abusive and struck the officer in the face. Maher placed struck the officer in the face. Maher placed him under arrest, but he broke loose and ran upstairs. He then opened the window of his room and fired three shots from a 32-calibre revoiver. Maher ran up the stairs and into Donnigan's room, and selzing the man from behind, threw him to the floor. An adroit blow from the policeman's club sent the revolver firing out of the man's hand, and after liberal use of the club he submitted to arrest. He was locked up in the Balph avenue police station.

But Hoffman Appealed to the American

Consul and Was Quickly Released. Jacob Hoffman, 21 years old, the son of Henry Hoffman, a well-known resident of the Flatbush district in Brooklyn, recently re-Flatbush district in Brooklyn, recently re-turned from Germany, where he had an un-pleasant adventure. Soon after his arrival in Hamburg, about the middle of May, with his parents, he was seized by a Government of ficial and compelled to put on a uniform and join the army. Young Hoffman is an American citizen. He lodged a protest with the Ameri-can Consul, who opened telegraphic communi-cation with the Washington authorities and secured his freedom in ten days.

Who Stole Louis Boby's Umbrella? Detective Sergeants Fogerty and Kerr were a Seventh avenue pawnshop on Saturday afternoon when a colored man came in and tried to pawn a silk umbrella. On the handle was engraved "Louis Roby, from his Masonic friends. March 4, 1887." The pawnbroker refused to take the umbreila. The detectives followed the negro to several other pawnshops and then arrested him. He said he was Walter Cooper of Camden, N. J., and that another negro had sold him the umbreila for 50 cents. He was held.

Court Calendars-This Day.

Appellate Division—Supreme Court—Recess.
Supreme Court—Special Ferm—Part I.—Motion calendar called at 10:30 a.M. Part II.—Exparts matters.
Surrogate's Court—Chambers—For probate—Wills of Sissanna Mario, Alexabder B. Strachod, Franz Herwig, John O. Morrison, William H. Tutt, William II. McRinger, William De Groot, at 10:30 a.M.
City Court—Special Term—Motions.

Fair weather prevailed over about all the country yesterday. Only a few widely acattered showers were reported, principally on the New England cosst. The pressure was high over the country east of the Mississippi and low in the Northwest, but without any definite storm fermation. It was slightly cooler in the lake regions and at-

lantic States and warmer in the Northwest. In this city the day was fair, highest official tem perature 76°, lowest 67°, average humidity, 74 per cent.; wind northerly, average velocity a miles an hour, barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M. 30.36, 3 P. M. 30.23

5 A. M. 30.36, 3 P. M. 30.23.

The temperature as recorded by the official thermometer and also by Tax Sun's thermometer at the atreed level is shown in the annexed table:

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cloudy; variable winds. For eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, threatening weather; easterly winds For the District of Columbia, partly cloudy; northmeterly to casterly winds.

For western Pennsylvania, western New York and Ohio, partly cloudy; light to fresh southeasterly to

THE CANAL CONTRACTS.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS TO THE

They far the Form of Contract Was Not in Reality a Contract, but a Privilege-The System of Dual Control and Administration of the Canals Is Condemned. ALBANT, Aug. 14.-The report of Edward P. North and Lyman E. Cooley, consulting and advisory engineers, to the Canal Investigating Commission has this to say regarding

the manner of letting contracts for improve-

ments under the \$9,000,000 appropriation:

The Constitution and laws provide that all sanal work of the character of this improvement shall be done by contract on competitive bids; that the contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder; that no extra compensation shall be allowed; that changes in plans, which increase the cost, shall be authorized by the Canal Board, and that if the contract proves an undue hardship to the contractor it can be canelled but not amended. The theory is that ontracts shall be specific so far as the nature of the case would permit, and this requires that the character of the work shall be closely defined and that the variation in quantities shall

be within reasonable limits. "On this view of the law, the duty of the State Engineer was clear. Very thorough surveys and careful studies of each contract were required, so that the nature of the work could be clearly specified. The State Engineer seems o have taken a different view, however, and has adopted a general specification, that does not appear to have fitted any individual contract, and of a type coming down by hereditary descent from the canal enlargement, and which seems to have furnished the opportunity for much investigation.

The specifications present an ftemized statement of all the elements of cost entering the work, very much after the style of the engineer's estimate sheet. The quantity sheets do not attempt to exhibit the quantities accurately as is shown in the practical prosecution of the work, and on many items nominal quantities only are entered, the idea seeming to be to obtain prices on all the items and determine quantities in the progress of the work. The elative amount of rock and earth rests in the udgment of the resident engineer, and the quantity of embankment is determined by recumstances. This form of contract is not in reality a contract, but a privilege, the value of which develops as the work proceeds.

" In the fact that close surveys for exact definition of the work were not required under this style of specification, and that such surveys were not made, we have great variations from the estimates, and extra work and changes of plans seem to have been the rule rather than

the exception. "Under these contracts we have payments for grubbing and clearing, mucking and bail-

"Under these contracts we have payments for grubbing and clearing, mucking and bailing and draining, which are clearly incidental to the main work, or a part of the provision required in its execution; and these are proper subjects for specification, the cost of the same to be covered in the prices on principal items. Slope wall is specified by the cubic yard and, on its face, the unit price represents the cost. It is, however, almost impracticable to ascertain the actual cost after the work is done, for as a matter of fact a variety of charges attach to the cost of slope wall. In measuring the yardage, the quantities are often completed on an arbitrary thickness. Lining is provided for filling the interstices and this is allowed for at a separate price per cubic yard, and in many cases for an arbitrary quantity. The excavation for the wall is also allowed for at the prices of excavation, and if any of the stone in the old wall is used a deduction is supposed to be made of the quantities so used at an arbitrary price. It would have been much simpler and far more satisfactory, saving the use of arbitrary quantities and much labor in the measurements, to have specified that the price per square vard should cover the completed work, including therein the necessary excavation and lining and the use of the old material. The same remarks apply with greater force to vertical walls, in which there are additional charges for back filling and for the excavation of old cement masonry.

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"Another characteristic of these contracts is the practice of entering nominal quantities in the bidding sheet. It should be a well-settled principle that a contract is for a specific amount and that the variations from that amount should be within reasonable limits and as close to the actual quantities as the nature of the case will permit.

"We can only emphasize the necessity of proper surveys and studies on which to base specific contracts. Had this been done it would have given confidence alike to the contractor and the engineer and resulted in lower prices and a better administration.

"It has been found impracticable, if not impossible, to keep either ordinary or extraordinary repairs from being done under this law. For example, probably fully 1.750,000 cubic yards of silt, which should have been removed from time to time, has been excavated, and over \$500,000 charged on this account to deepening the canal, and decidedly over one-third of the slope wall rebuilt could have been kept in good condition so as to have required only nominal repair by a proper system of maintenance on the part of past Canal Commissioners and Superintendents of Public Works.

"The average cost of slope walls built on the berme side of the Eric Canal has been \$2.67 per foot or \$14,097,80 per mile. One-half of the slope wall and for under the Nine-million-dollar act would be equivalent to forty-nine miles of the Eric Canal has been \$2.67 per foot or \$14,097,80 per mile. One-half of the slope wall on the berme bank, and 170 miles of the Eric Canal has been \$2.67 per foot or \$14,097,80 per mile. One-half of the slope wall on the berme bank and 170 miles of the Eric Canal has been \$2.67 per foot or \$14,097,80 per mile. One-half of the slope wall on the berme bank and 170 miles of the Eric Canal has been exceed the canal is not only useless but injurious."

The report condemns without qualification the present system of dual control and administration, or rather l

that the work would have been greatly improved in design and in administration." The report adds:

"The conduct of work in the field has not been sufficiently responsible, any one of several in authority giving orders to the contractors, sometimes without notice to the particular assistant or inspector in direct charge. The contractor seems to have been in a position to appeal to the one whom he thought most likely to appreciate the nature of his representations. This has resulted at times in great embarrasement and tends to demoralize those in immediate charge. We believe that in the work of improving the canals, if not also in that of operating and maintaining the same, the entire management should be concentrated in the hands of the State Engineer."

Bates Leads the Winners at the Monmouth County Horse Show.

Long Brance, Aug. 14.—The final exhibition of the Monmouth County Horse Show Associa-tion at Hollywood Park was finished last night in the presence of fully 2,500 spectators. The eight events were finished in a trifle over two hours, a record for the judges. It was Bates's night. Of the eight events he captured five first prizes. He won in the champion classes for single horses with Coxey and Egbert, and the champion class for pairs with Hi and High Tide. He also won with The Proper Caper, and again with Coxey and Brown Donna in the high-step-

with Coney and Brown Donna in the high-stepping class. In 1887 Bates headed the list with cleven blue ribbons, valued at \$1.23. The cash value of the prizes awarded foots up to \$3,769. A summary of the successful exhibitors is as follows:

Charles F. Bates, New York, \$1,165. Richard F. Carman, Huntington, L. I., \$575. George H. Hulme, New York, \$120. J. E. Widener, Ogontz, Fa. \$150; Miss Amelia, New York, \$120. J. E. Widener, Ogontz, Fa. \$150; Miss Amelia, Russuer, New York, \$150. Jh. J. Hollowsy, Port Chester, N. V., \$150. Jr. iz. S. Gagnon, Chicago, Hl., \$150. Lewis Hartler, Thomas, New Brighton, \$125. W. M. V. Hoffman, Fiberon, S. J., \$100; T. M. Hilliard, New York, \$100; W. Stanton H. Ellist, Oraclell, N. J., \$100, G. S. Ryer, New York, \$100; Miss Edith Colford, New York, \$600; George J. Geolid, New York, \$75. Philip Lehman, New York, \$75. Charles T. Proctor, New York, \$500; James T. Hyde, New York, \$75. Strause & Heater, New York, \$20; P. F. Fitzgerald, Long Branch, \$75.

Cricket.

The defeat of the States Island C. C. on Saturday hast places that club fourth in the race for the cham-pionship of the Metropolitan Cricket District League ponning or the intropolitin create leaster at Leagues and advances Team B of the New Jersey A. C. to second place. Roseville now brings up the rear, As neither R. E. Bonner nor M. H. Cobb played on Saturday their averages remain the same. The only change among the leaders was that H. E. Jackson went down from 28.38 to 24.71 and H. S. Githens from 26.00 to 22.38. The club records follow:

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| Manhatan | 3 | 4 | 42e | Roseville | 1 | 4 | 200 | Drawn Games-N. J. a. C. Team A. 2: N. J. a. C. Team B. : Manhattan, 1. Staten Island, 2: New York, 1. L. seville, 1.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Aug. 14.—The semi-finals and final heats of the Hudseyn and Esser County Whippet Club's races were decided yeaterday afternoon at the Funch Bowl grounds and the result was a victory for ashall's Fonto; a Brooklyn dog. The favorits was Simuon's Size. Odds and Ends of Sports.

W. C. Stewart May Play in the Tournament for the Amateur Championship.

Now that the full programme and conditions for the amateur championship has been issued by the U. S. G. A., the players who hope for a assiduously for the contest, which, at six days f thirty-six hole rounds, will be a severe trial of strength and skill. The motive in extending the preliminary rounds to thirty-six holes was to do away with the element of luck that often enables a poorer player to win from a scratch man by a fortunate run of a few holes in a short match of eighteen holes. Under the new plan of long matches tuck will not cut a figure, while they offer to the experienced golfers every op-portunity to show the science of this game. The play should be the best ever seen in an Amer-ican championship, for the course is nearly 0,000 yards long and has been arranged at a great expense especially for this competition.

W. Girdwood Stewart will sail for this country on Aug. 27, according to a letter from a member of the Essex County Country Club to a friend in this city. The Essex man has been playing at Troon, Scotland, where one of his notable experiences was to follow a foursome between Willie Fernie and a Mr. Jenkins and Stewart and C. E. Dick. They finished all square, although the amateurs were 3 down at the turn. I never saw goff until 1 saw them play," is the enthusiastic comment of the Essex County player. Of the Troon links he writes:

"If you can imagine hillocky sand dunes, with the grass out in the direction of the line of play and long grass off the course, the Firth of Clyde 100 yards away, with few bunkers and those more like sand pits and small, and to an American eye the course pratty rough, you will see the Troon course. The lies are generally good, except on the side or base of the sand hillocks, when they are hard to play from, except when you know how; but the greensphew! they are fine, very large and rolling, with all natural undulations left in, with short, keen grass on which the ball goes absolutely true." friend in this city. The Essex man has been playing at Troon, Scotland, where one of his

true."
Should Stewart sail he will be in time for the amateur championship. He equalled the record for the links in the qualifying round for the last Morris County open tournament and found the turf and distances much to his liking.

This will be a quiet week in local golfing, the one bright spot being the return match on next Saturday between the Dyker Meadow next Saturday Setween the Dyker Anadow Golf Club and the Fairfield County Golf Club at the Dyker Meadow links. The Dyker Mead-ow team had been quite successful this season until it went to Grienwich and was beaten by 40 holes. On next Saturday every effort will be made to turn the tables on the Fairfield team.

During the week ending Aug. 6 the members of the Boyal and Ancient Golf Club held their annual handicap tournament for the Calcutta annual handicap fournament for the cheetta Cup over the links of St. Andrew's, Scotland. Aside from the championship no match play fixture in Great Britain confers more distinction on a mateur than to win the Calcutta Cup. There were sixty-two entries, including twelve scratch men, but Balfour-Melville was not in the lists. In the final Edward Blackwell (0) beat D. J. Simson (5) by 4 up and 3 to play

LENOX, Aug. 14.-The largest crowd of the year saw some good play on the Lenox Golf Club links yesterday. Following the handleap there was a putting contest at three, four, and five yards for sliver prizes offered by Col. John S. Barnes. Carlos D. Heredia won the men's prize in 4 strokes and Miss Tutt the women's prize in 5. William A. Taylor of New York won the handicap. Scores follow:

	Grines.	H'cup.	Nat
W. A. Taylor	1818	14	8
I T Soutter	108	22	81
J. W. Burden	101	15	94
S P Shaw	1944	12	8
David Dana	102	14	H)
T. Kinnicutt.	1.04	18	561
H. W. Cary	107	18	81
H. E. Doreberk	106	17	8
R. S. Brewster	107	1.6	- 94
A. L. Curtia	107	18	8
J. C. Mallery	104	18	134
R. C. Greenleaf	122	7296	- 77
S. Frothingham.	9.9	7.5	- 6
J. C. Greenleaf		1.7	- 6
B. T. Mackay	111	44	- 6
I. S. Clark	7.05	40	- 2
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FITTEFIELD, Aug. 14.—PILESDOID and Ben-nington played an eighteen-hole match on the Country Club course resterday. Bennington was outplayed. The score: PUTTSFIELD.

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NewPost, Aug. 14.-The programme for the open tournament of the Newport Golf Club. which takes place from Aug. 30 to Sept. 3, was which takes place from Aug. 30 to Sept. 3, was made public to-day. President Buchanan Winthrop offers a trophy, to be known as the President's Cup; the Greens Committee, Victor Sorchan, A. M. Coats and J. Boit, offers a consolation cup, and O. H. P. Belmont a handleap cup. The club also offers a good medal to the player with the best score for eighteen holes made in any medal play competition during the tournament. The programme is:

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Aug. 30.—Thirty ets boles, medal play best sixteen
scores to qualify, for the President's Cup.
Aug. 31.—First and second rounds for the President's Cup, match play, eighteen holes. Consolation
Cup, thirty sui holes, medal play, best eight scores
to qualify.
Sept. 1.—Third round for the President's Cup and
first and second rounds for Consolation Cup, match
play, eighteen holes.
Sept. 2.—Handlean Cup, thirty-six holes, madel Sept. 2—Handicap Cup, thirty-six holes, medal play, handicap limited to eighteen strokes. Sept. 3—Finals for the Fresident's Cup and Conso-lation Cup, thirty-six holes.

Women this year have a place on the programme of the Lenox Golf Club open tournament, the most important of the annual competitions held in Massachusetts. It will be held during the week of Sept 5, immediately preceding the championship, and will afford an opportunity to the Boston group of players to test their game in view of the greater event at Morristown.

A series of weekly matches for a cup presented by George Bird of the Ardsley Club has been started on the links of the St. Regis Golf Club, in the Adirondacks. The series will end on Sept. 13.

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A golf club has been started at Huntington, L. I., and Tom Bendelow laid out a six-hole course for it on last Thursday. The course is on reiling ground within sight of the bay.

Lieut, Hobson is not the only celebrity who plays golf. The Field of Aug. 4 notes that H. R. H. Maha Vagiravudh, the Crown Prince of Siam, along with his brothers, Princes lugala, Taliga, and Farlinara, bayed a foursome on the Newburg links, Aberdeen, The game was an exceedingly interesting one, and ended in favor of the Crown Prince and his partner, Yugala, chiefly through the former's splendid driving.

The Hillside Tennis and Golf Club will play team match with the Suburban Club of Eliza-teth on Aug. 27. The new links of the Hillside Club on Melitek Farm will be opened on Labor Club on Mellick Farm will be opened on Labor Day.

The new lings of the Park Golf Club of Plainfield will not be opened until September. The officers are: President, Charles A. Reed; Chairman Board of Trustees B.A. Hegeman, Jr. Secretary, Meredith Dryden; Treasurer, Walter M. McGee; Greens Committee, C. W. McCutchen, W. J. Burtfield, H. D. Hibbard, House Committee, B. A. Hegeman, Jr., C. W. McCutchen, Mrs. W. L. Saunders, Mrs. B. A. Hegeman, Jr., The Princeton Golf Club will standon its nine-hole links and lay out an eighteen-hole course on the Bard Stockton Farm early next season.

The Donohue brothers shared the honors in the short-distance races at the monthly games of the New West Side A. C. hald on the club grounds yesterday. James won the 220-yard hurdle race and 440-yard run and finished second in the shot-put, and John won the To-yard dash and finished second in the hurdle race. These successes placed the prothers in the van for point honors. M. J. Cregan materially increased his score by securing places in four of the increased his score of securing places in four of the six events. In the running high jump a tie resulted, but under A. A. U. rules the prize went to the acrach man, with a jump of 6 feet 5 inches. Only three inches divided first and second men in the 12-pound shot competition. Summaries: 70-Yard Lusah—Won by John Denohue, 4 feet; J. P. Helland, 2 feet, second; M. J. Cegan, 3 feet, third. Time, 8 15 seconds. 220-Yard Hurdle Race—Won by James Donohue, 6 acets John Donohue, 6 rayds, second, M. J. Crecan, The fact december the second of the second o The field and track sports of the Star A. C. of Lone Island City resterday attracted quite a good-size crowd. The competitions were spirited, and capital form was exhibited on the small track. Sommary obligat Dash.—Won by J. J. Connolley, 5 yards; Garry Fitzgerald, 7 yards, second. Robert W. Eennedy, 7 yards, third. Thure, 1 2.6 seconds.
Quarter Mile Run.—Won by Garry Fitzgerald, 20 yards, J. J. Moran, 6 yards, second, Robert W. Kennedy, 12 yards, hird. Time, 548 seconds.
One-Mile Run.—Won by J. J. Cronin, 50 yards, Bobert W. Kennedy, sevratch, seconds. William H. Eshoe, 150 yards, third. Time, 4 minutes 514 seconds.
Throwing the Dactus—Won by J. J. Moran, scratch, with 56 feet 4 inches; T. McMahon, 25 feet, second, with 56 feet 4 inches; T. McMahon, 25 feet, second, with 56 feet 4 inches; T. McMahon, 25 feet, second. growd. The competitions were spirited, and capital

Marshall, 25 feet, third, with an actual throw of 60 Throwing the 12-Pound Hammer-Won by T. Mc-Mahou, 35 feet, with an actual throw of 70 feet 4 inches; J. J. Connoling, 35 feet, second, with an actual throw of 65 feet 6 inches; William H. Marchall, S5 feet, third, with an actual throw of 65 feet 6 inches; William H. Marchall, S5 feet, third, with an actual throw of 64 feet

SPRINGITELD, Aug. 14. - The feature of the annual field day of the Foresters of Hampden County in this city vesterday was a fine exhibition of running. The formerly the holf-mile amateur champion of the world. The results were as the world was a second, Hust of Hart 136-Kard Bash-Final heat won by Velte of Hart ford Moran of Chicopee Falls second, Hust of Chicopee Falls is third, W. Greenough of Brantive fourth.

One-Mile Run-Wou by Tineler; L. McCann, Chelsea, second; Thomas Holland, Worcester, third. Time, I minutes \$2 seconds.

Half Mile Run-Won by C. H. Rilpatrick, Worcester, treotype B. Tineler, Dublin, second. J. S. Ryan, Beaton, third. Time, I minute 59 1-5 seconds.

Quarter-Mile Run-Won by Klipatrick, Donovan, Natick, second. Inder, third. Time, 3 seconds.

100-Yard Dash-Won by Mace Williams, Washington: Donovan second. A. G. Rogers, Worcester, third. Time, 5 seconds.

The regular weekly handicap lawn tennis tourns ment of the Creecent A. C. was decided on the turf courts at the Country Club House, Bay Ridge, or was witnessed, the play of Robert Colwell, Jr., of the was witnessed, the play of Bobert Colwell, Jr., of the Kings County T. C., and J. E. Schroeder being even and interesting. After two vantage sets Colwell won the third set by fine placing. Summary Men's Poubles—Semi-dual round—Edward Jewell and J. H. Bacq, scratch, defeated L. Barper and W. Creuther, plus 15, 5-2, 6-2, Final Bound—Edward Jewell and J. H. Bacq, scratch, defeated J. E. Schroeder and W. F. Powers, owe 15, 6-3, 6-2. scratch, defeated J. E. Schroener and 18. 6-3, 6-2. Mon's Singles-First round-W. F. Powers, plus half 18. defeated R. H. E. Shirr, scratch, 8-7, 6-4; F. P. Harper, plus 15. defeated S. O. Edmonds, plus half 10, 6-4, 4-6, 8-8. Bebert Colwell, 3r. owe 15, defeated W. H. Koehn, plus 16, 6-4, 6-3, J. E. Schroeder, owe 17, defeated Alexander Mackintosh, plus 15, 6-1, 8-3, W. F. Powers, plus half 15, deplus 15, 4-1, 4-3, Semi-Final Round-W, F. Powers, plus half 15, de feated F. P. Harper, plus 15, 4-3, 5-7, 6-3, Robert Colwell, Jr., owe 15, defeated J. E. Schroeder, own Final Round—Robert Colwell, Jr., owe 15, defeated W. F. Powers, plus half 15, 11—4, 6—3.

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